

PUBLIC BUILDING AT ABERDEEN, S. DAK.

JANUARY 15, 1897.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and ordered to be printed.

Mr. MILLIKEN, from the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany S. 105.]

The Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, to whom was referred the bill (S. 105) for the erection of a public building at Aberdeen, S. Dak., have considered the same and recommend its passage.

Appended hereto is the report from the Secretary of the Treasury on the bill when the same was pending in the Senate, which is adopted by this committee and made a part of this report.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, *Washington, D. C., February 8, 1896.*

SIR: In compliance with the request contained in letter dated December 7, 1895, from your committee, I have the honor to submit the following report upon Senate bill No. 105, introduced December 3, 1895, by Hon. James H. Kyle, to provide for the acquisition of a site and the erection thereon of a suitable building, with fireproof vaults therein, for the accommodation of the post-office and other Government offices at Aberdeen, S. Dak., at a cost not to exceed \$100,000.

Upon receipt at this Department of a copy of said bill, letters were written to certain Federal officials for information in regard to the past, present, and probable future needs of the different branches of the public service at Aberdeen, the estimated value of land for site, rents paid, population of city, etc.

The Postmaster-General states:

"Gross postal receipts, year ended June 30, 1885, \$6,451; net receipts, year ended June 30, 1885, \$3,831; number of persons employed, including postmaster, 1; gross receipts, year ended June 30, 1895, \$13,279; net receipts, year ended June 30, 1895, \$5,610; number of persons employed, including postmaster, 7; present allowance for rent, per annum, \$600."

The postmaster states:

"Receipts for 1885, \$6,435; for 1895, \$13,279; estimated increase for the next ten years, at 25 per cent; number of employees in 1885, 2; in 1895, 4; number of boxes and drawers in use, 931; floor area now occupied, 1,500 square feet; annual rental paid, \$900; population in 1885, 3,000; in 1895, 4,500; price of land, \$1,500 to \$3,000, for lots 25 by 145 feet."

From computations made, based upon the data received, it is estimated that a suitable site, 134 by 140 feet in size, and which would allow for the 40-foot fire limit required by the bill, and also allow for a 30-foot extension to the building in the future, can be secured for about \$13,000, and that a building two stories high, with basement, about 84 by 60 feet in size, with a total floor area of 10,080 square feet, which will allow 3,000 square feet for post-office purposes, 5,000 square feet for United States courts, and 2,000 square feet for the United States land office, built of brick,

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with stone trimmings, fireproof or nonfireproof construction, as may be determined, and including heating apparatus, vaults, and approaches, can be erected for—

Estimated cost of site (six lots, at average price, \$2,250).....	\$13,000
Estimated cost of building (fireproof).....	96,000

Total	109,000
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Or—

Estimated cost of site.....	13,000
Estimated cost of building (nonfireproof).....	74,000

Total	87,000
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Respectfully, yours,

S. WIKE, *Acting Secretary.*

The CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS,
United States Senate.

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